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TO AMEMBASSY BOGOTA PRIORITY
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INFO AMEMBASSY PANAMA PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC

SUBJECT: THREAT AGAINST CONSUL AND FAMILY, MEDELLIN

REF: BOGOTA 0675

1. DEPARTMENT DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER SECURITY ITS OFFICIAL
PERSONNEL AND THEIR FAMILIES AND CONCURS WITH POST THAT
SITUATION IN MEDELLIN WARRANTS ADDITIONAL SECURITY MEAS-
URES.

2. SINCE GOC AUTHORITIES HAVE ALREADY ASSUMED SOME PROTEC-
TION RESPONSIBILITIES, PROVIDING AN ADDITIONAL ARMED POLICE
GUARD AT THE RESIDENCE.THEY MAY ALSO BE WILLING TO PROVIDE
A TEMPORARY BODYGUARD AS OUTLINED IN PARA 9C OF REFTEL.

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CONSULATE OR EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE MAKE REQUEST. IF
RESPONSE IS NEGATIVE, DEPARTMENT WILL CONSIDER SHORT-TERM
EMPLOYMENT OF DRIVER/BODYGUARD. POSTS SHOULD, HOWEVER,
ESTABLISH BONA FIDES OF INDIVIDUAL SELECTED THROUGH APPRO-
PRIATE POLICE AGENCIES. POSTS SHOULD ALSO ENSURE THAT GOC
AWARE THAT INDIVIDUAL WILL BE ARMED AND DISCUSS WITH GOC
IMPLICATIONS OF POSSIBLE USE OF WEAPON.

3. DUE TO APPARENT SERIOUSNESS OF THREAT, AS WELL AS POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE THREATS, POSTS SHOULD IMMEDIATELY CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE HOUSING FOR CONSUL WITH OBJECTIVE OF RELOCATING HIM IN AN APARTMENT OR HOUSE THAT WILL PROVIDE IMPROVED RESIDENTIAL SECURITY. PLEASE GIVE US CONSULATE AND EMBASSY REACTIONS TO THIS AND KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF PROGRESS.

4. APPROVAL IS GIVEN TO EXPEND DOLS. 100 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF GUARD HOUSE. INCLUDE COST IN NEXT ALLOTMENT ADJUSTMENT SUBMISSION.

5. RSO SHOULD CONTACT RTC PANAMA CONCERNING RESIDENTIAL ALARM SYSTEM.

6. IN ADDITION TO ABOVE, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE EMBASSY AND/OR CONSULATE REMIND GOC OFFICIALS OF THEIR RESPONSIBILITY FOR SAFETY OF AMCITS LIVING AND WORKING ABROAD AND THAT USG WILL NOT PAY RANSOM OR MAKE CONCESSIONS TO TERRORISTS IN INCIDENTS INVOLVING AMCITS. AT THEIR DISCRETION, EMBASSY AND/OR CONSULATE MAY ALSO WISH TO DISCUSS US ANTI-TERRORISM POLICIES WITH APPROPRIATE MEMBERS OF COLOMBIAN MEDIA ON BACKGROUND BASIS.
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